

Minutes of the regular meeting and work session of the City of Winslow Arts Council held on May 5, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall, 21 Williamson Avenue, Winslow, Arizona.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sarah Smithson, Chairman
Todd Roth, Vice Chairman
April Neill
Sam Connor
Cheri Russell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Christa Knox
Randy Barton

STAFF

Roberta Cano

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and April offered the invocation. April moved to excuse absent members from the meeting. Todd seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTE APPROVAL OF – APRIL 21, 2016 REGULAR MEETING

The minutes of the April 21, 2016 Regular Meeting were reviewed and Todd moved to approve the minutes as presented. April seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dave Andreassen introduced himself as an interested party and supporter of the Arts Council and their events. Mr. Andreassen stated the he attended the previous Arts Council meeting, bringing up the idea of an Artist Co-op. Todd provided information in reference to the proposed Artist Co-op, stating that interest was very limited due to the size of the community and artist base in Winslow. Cheri stated that she made contact with several artists in the community and the interest was low, she also stated that she looked into some vacant business locations in the downtown area and found a location that was willing to work with an Artist Co-op for \$500.00 a month. Dave suggested that the Council advertise the Co-op idea in the Scoop to help generate interest. Sarah further suggested that we could provide information about the Artist Co-op idea at our Second Saturday event to see who might be interested. The Council decided to see how much interest can be generated at the Second Saturday event and the Arts Council Facebook page.

Rich Larsen introduced himself and informed the Council that he was attending the meeting to promote and ask for assistance with the up-coming event “A Mid-Summer’s Day in Winslow (A Cultural Extravaganza)”.

STATUS REPORT

The Recording Secretary provided information in reference to the ADOT/Underpass Beautification Project, stating that the City Manager has approved two colors for the project and a meeting with Public Works and ADOT will be scheduled to establish a start date.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND DIRECTION TO STAFF

A. Discussion and possible action in reference to providing assistance to the Chamber of Commerce event, “A Mid-Summer Day in Winslow (A Cultural Extravaganza)”, possibly with Rich Larsen attending the meeting to provide information.

Mr. Larsen provided an overview of the event, stating that the “Cultural Extravaganza” was developed as an extension of the annual Garden Tour that has occurred for that past four years. Mr. Larsen conveyed that the Garden Tour has been such a successful event that he wanted to reach out to other entities of the City to create a day in Winslow that would accommodate several cultural interests.

Mr. Larsen further stated that he would like to have the Arts Council provide the contacts and facilitate an Artist Walk downtown starting at La Posada and ending at the Chamber of Commerce or vice versa. A discussion took place in reference to the proposed event and the possible action that the Council could do to assist the event. Todd suggested that we seek out artists that have a collection of landscape and floral elements of art to tie into the garden theme, such as pots and yard décor. Todd moved to support the event, “A Mid-Summers Day in Winslow”. April seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

B. Discussion in reference to establishing a meeting regarding the Art Car Project.

The Recording Secretary provided an overview of the project and the progress that has been made, stating that the City Manager, Steve Pauken is in support of the project and the City Attorney, Ellen Van Riper has been made privy to the possible legal ramifications of the project. The Council is encouraged to develop a list of businesses and interested parties that may want to participate and invite them to the proposed meeting that will explain the project in depth. A short discussion took place in reference to who and what businesses should be invited.

Todd provided a handout with the information pertaining to the Art Car project mapping out how the meeting should be established and run. All members of the Council received a copy of the information sheet and were tasked with adding individuals that should be invited to attend the meeting. Further discussion will take place once the project is developed and ready to be presented.

C. Discussion in reference to the theatrical release of the Grease Sing-a-long project at the Winslow Theater.

The Recording Secretary provided an overview of the Grease theatrical event to the members of the Council that were not present at the last meeting. Sarah inquired about cast members and who will play the different roles of the characters in the movie. Cheri stated that she has been in contact with students from her college theater department and there are several people interested in performing in the event. A suggestion was made to advertise the event with auditions to attract those interested in performing in the project.

The Recording Secretary stated that she has already made contact with the owner and manager of the Winslow Theater and the following guidelines were established: The Theater must charge for the rental of the event (roughly \$500 for the 4 shows, the event must work around the regular movie showing, and the Council must purchase the rights to the movie to advertise and charge for the movie. A discussion took place in reference to the costs involved with the project. Todd moved to approve the Grease Sing-a-long project tentatively scheduled for July 22nd and 23rd. April seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. April proposed an amendment to Todd's original motion to include a dollar amount of \$800.00 to go towards the purchase of the rights and rental of the Winslow Theater. Cheri seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

April made a suggestion to sell T-shirts at the event to generate additional funding for the Arts Council. A short discussion took place in reference to April's suggestion and further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

D. Further discussion in reference to a mural project in the City.

Due to time constraints, item D will be discussed at the meeting. Todd moved to table agenda item D to the next meeting. Cheri seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

E. Discussion and possible action on the proposal to have future Arts Council meetings at Rev it Up Swap Meet and Grill.

A discussion took place in reference to the Arts Council meeting location and Open Meeting Law requirements. It was decided that the Arts Council will continue to meet at City Hall, unless the Council approves a different location for a special meeting. April moved to keep all Arts Council meetings at City Hall unless approved for a special meeting. Cheri seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

The Council did not have any matters to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

Todd moved to adjourn the meeting. April seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

Sarah Smithson, Chairperson

Roberta Cano - Recording Secretary